

2005 First Quarter Report
Administrative Division
Idaho State Historical Society

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The first quarter of 2005 (fourth week in January through fourth week in April 2005) continued to be a busy period for the administrative work group at the Society, particularly during the 1st regular session of the 58th Idaho Legislature. In addition to conducting ongoing and routine administrative duties, specific activities of possible interest with which it was involved during the period have included:

- Holding a general ISHS staff meeting in February.
- Holding a monthly meeting of ISHS work group administrators in February, March and April.
- Meeting with Randy Tilley (ISHS liaison in the Division of Financial Management), and Jason Hancock (ISHS liaison in the Legislative Services Office) to discuss budget items in conjunction with preparation for the 2005 JFAC presentation and in clarifying follow-up questions during the appearance.
- Presenting the agency's budget message to JFAC (in the persona of Capt. John Mullan).
- Testifying to the House State Affairs Committee twice on the proposed SHPO review legislation. (HB87).
- Testifying to the Senate State Affairs Committee twice on the revised SHPO review legislation. (SB266).
- Meeting with Senate President Pro Tem Bob Geddes to discuss the agency's support for restoration (rather than removal) of the old Ada County Courthouse.
- Meeting with Speaker Bruce Newcomb and the House leadership group (Rep. Lawrence Denney, Rep. Mike Moyle, Rep. Julie Ellsworth) to discuss the agency's support for restoration (rather than removal) of the old Ada County Courthouse.
- Attending a meeting of representatives of Ada County historic preservation groups to discuss options for trying to save the old Ada County Courthouse.
- Speaking on behalf of the agency during a Statehouse rally in support of the preservation of the old Ada County Courthouse.

- Meeting with Kay Manweiler as needed in conjunction with matters pertaining to proposed SHPO legislation, personnel matters, and other issues related to ISHS operations.
- Meeting with Keith Petersen to discuss continued operation of a North Idaho office of the ISHS following completion of Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration events in Idaho.
- Attending the April meeting of the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee at Orofino.
- Meeting with ISHS administrators to discuss projects and programs to be developed and conducted in conjunction with the 2007 Centennial commemoration of the creation of the Idaho State Historical Society.
- Welcoming participants and representing the ISHS at the final awards ceremony of Idaho History Day at Albertson College of Idaho.
- Meeting with the Division of Public Works and ZGA Architects to review construction status on the Idaho History Center project.
- Attending the quarterly meeting of the tenants of the Old Penitentiary Historic District.
- Meeting (along with Ken Swanson and Milan Kovach) with Judy Ouderkirk and Sandra Breuer of the Idaho Botanical Garden to discuss the 2005 activities and events plan for both organizations as required in the 2004 Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho Botanical Garden and the Idaho State Historical Society. (IBG plan was approved by ISHS staff).
- Meeting with Tim Mason, manager of the Capitol Mall at the Department of Administration, to discuss safety issues for occupants at the Old Penitentiary Historical District.
- Meeting with representatives of the Department of Administration, Department of Agriculture, Health and Welfare, Boise State University, Department of Corrections, Commission on the Arts, ISHS Historic Sites, and ISHS Library and Archives to develop a coordinated site monitoring and safety program to serve all occupants of the Old Penitentiary Historic District.
- Attending the annual National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers meeting in Washington, D.C.

- Meeting on Capitol Hill with staff members for Sen. Larry Craig, Sen. Mike Crapo, Rep. Mike Simpson and Rep. Butch Otter (accompanied by Ann Swanson and Terri Schorzman, Idaho Trustee to the National Trust for Historic Preservation) to discuss historic preservation issues.
- Writing follow up letters to the Congressional delegation in support of increased funding for the state SHPO operations and the national archives within the federal budget of the Department of Interior and the Historic Preservation Act.
- Writing a follow up letter to Rep. Mike Simpson encouraging him to join the History Caucus developed for those in the U.S. House of Representatives who have a special interest in preservation issues.
- Attending the April meeting of the Idaho Capitol Commission to discuss implication of funding from the cigarette tax to support restoration of the Statehouse beginning in 2006.
- Maintaining ongoing dialogue with personnel at Idaho State University and Boise State University related to the production of the spring issue of the *Idaho Yesterdays* academic journal.
- Participating in a conference call/business meeting of the board of the Foundation for Idaho History, including specific discussion of the capitol campaign to build a wing on the Idaho Historical Museum.
- Meeting with Patricia Kempthorne to discuss her support in implementation of a capitol campaign for the Idaho Historical Museum and other ISHS needs, as well as possible transfer of the Alexander House to ISHS responsibility as part of a historic sites designation.
- Attending State Board of Education meeting in Boise (March), and making a brief presentation on ISHS activities and inviting SBOE members to attend a quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees in the future.
- Representing the ISHS at meetings of State Board of Education agency heads with Executive Director Gary Stivers in February, March and April.
- Chairing the Program Committee meeting in January to prepare for the annual conference of the American Association for State and Local History in Pittsburgh.
- Participating in conference calls of the Federal Preservation Fund Committee and the Project Development Committee of the American Association for State and Local History (both to which I have been appointed by the AASLH Board).

- Attending the annual Leadership Treasure Valley meeting at Sun Valley to participate in a panel discussion on the importance of historic preservation and cultural promotion with governmental and business representatives from Ada, Canyon and Gem counties.
- Meeting with representatives of the Rural Development Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to discuss historic preservation issues related to Section 106 reviews on federally funded projects due to staffing changes at the Boise office.
- Discussing the importance of historic preservation issues in conjunction with planned development during a meeting of elected officials in Ada and Canyon counties who are members of the Good Growth Consortium.
- Representing the ISHS in conjunction with the agency being among the sponsors of the Idaho Bar Association banquet honoring the “First 50 Women” attorneys in the Gem State.
- Meeting with Dr. Mike Blankenship, dean of the BSU College of Arts and Sciences, to continue discussions on opportunities for development of joint projects involving the ISHS and the students and faculty at the BSU Department of History.
- Meeting with representatives of Cherbo Publishing to continue preparing for development, printing and distribution of new Idaho history book in conjunction with the ISHS Centennial Commemoration.
- Meeting with the Eagle Historical Society to identify ISHS staff support available in planning a local museum facility and preparation of signage for historic sites in the community.

Executive Director's Schedule of Future Activities

May 3	SHPO/Parks & Recreation Programmatic Agreement Meeting
May 4-6	Governor's Recreation & Tourism Conference at Idaho Falls
May 6	Grand Opening of L&C Exhibit at Idaho Historical Museum
May 10	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
May 20	Presentation to Meridian Schools Rendezvous (as Charbonneau)
May 17	ISHS Administrators Meeting
June 8	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
June 14	ISHS Administrators Meeting
June 17	Heritage Cities Award Presentation at Idaho Cities Convention
June 23-24	State Board of Education Meeting at Moscow
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
July 5	ISHS Administrators Meeting
July 13	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
July 20	Meeting of Old Pen Historic District Tenants
July 22	ISHS Quarterly Board of Trustees Meeting at Orofino
July 27	ISHS General Staff Meeting at the Historical Museum
Aug 9	ISHS Administrators Meeting
Aug 17	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
Sep 13	ISHS Administrators Meeting
Sep 14	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
Sep 20-25	AASLH Annual Conference at Pittsburgh
Sep 28	Meeting of Old Pen Historic District Tenants
Oct 10	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct 11	ISHS Administrators Meeting
Oct 12	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
Oct 27	ISHS Annual Meeting at Boise Double Tree Downtowner
Oct 28	ISHS Quarterly Board of Trustees Meeting at Boise
Nov 2	ISHS General Staff Meeting at the Idaho Historical Museum
Nov 9	State Board of Education Agency Heads Meeting
Nov 15	ISHS Administrators Meeting
Nov 17-22	State Historic Administrators Meeting (SHAM) at Austin
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 10-18	Vacation
Dec 25	Christmas Holiday